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Congressman Ken Calvert  
House Water and Power Subcommittee  
1522 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

SUPPORT FOR HR 2828

Dear Congressman Calvert:

On behalf of Western Municipal Water District, thank you for your continuing positive efforts to solve complex water issues in the West. We are please to support your new bill: HR 2828.

Federal authorization and participation in CALFED would greatly assist this valuable program in bringing real – and much needed – solutions to the water quality and quantity issues associated with the State's critical water supply. As you know, Western imports all of its drinking water supplies from Northern California via the California Aqueduct. Activity in the Delta has a real impact on the primary imported drinking water source for one-half million people in western Riverside County.

We are also pleased to see that the bill establishes a competitive grants program for desalination, groundwater recharge, brine removal, water quality, and water reuse projects for the entire country. Again, you are well aware of the importance of federal financial assistance for these projects --- projects that can have a very real impact on our ability to become self-reliant and to lessen our use of imported supplies such as the Colorado River.

Once again, thank you for your efforts that will not only assist the entire country and California, but, bring real benefit to your local constituents.

Sincerely,

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cc: Congresswoman Grace Napolitano  
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